(a) whether it is a fact that expansion in the Food Processing Industries in the country has been made during the past few years;

(b) if so, the percentage of the total workers in the country provided employment in the Food Processing Industries by the end of March, 2002; and

(c) the installed capacity of processing fruits and vegetables of the industrial units set up till that date and what percentage this capacity constitutes to the total production of fruits and vegetables in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) According to a study carried out by the National Council for Applied Economics and Research, the food processing industry grew at the rate of 5.8% per annum on the basis of estimates of value added at 1993-94 prices, during the period 1996-97 to 2001-2002.

(b) Food Processing Industries are both in the organised and unorganised sectors and as such the information regarding percentage of the total workers is not maintained centrally. However, as per the study conducted by the National Council for Applied Economics and Research, the direct employment in the food processing industry, as of March 2002 was estimated at 75.59 lakhs.

(c) As stated in reply to part (b) above, Food Processing Industries are both in the organised and unorganised sectors. Information regarding the capacity installed in the unorganised sector is not available. The installed capacity for processing of fruits and vegetables at the end of the Ninth Five Year Plan in the organised sector was 21.5 lakh tonnes. The utilization of fruits and vegetables for processing is estimated to be around 2% of the total production.

Expansion of FPIs

†1100. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that the food processing industry in the country has expanded during the last few years;

(b) if so, the average annual rate of said expansion during the last three years;

(c) the number of units in food processing industry functioning in the country at the end of March, 2002; and

(d) what was the total capital investment in said units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) As per the recent study conducted by the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), food processing industries have been growing at 5.8% per annum during the Ninth Plan Period.

(c) and (d) Since food processing industries are booth in the organised and unorganised sectors,information on the number of units and their capital investment is not maintained centrally.

However, as per the Report of Annual Survey of Industries for 1998-99, the number of factories in the Food Beverage sector was 23,831 and the invested capital thereon was about Rs. 52,630.00 crores.

World Bank assistance for development of women and children

1101. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL:
SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance given by the World Bank for implementation of schemes and programmes for women and child development in the country, during the last three years, State-wise/Scheme-wise;

(b) whether the funds granted by the World Bank for implementation of various schemes for women and child development have been fully utilized by Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, and if not, the reasons therefor?